

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, In 1887, the Nagel family emigrated from Germany to the United States and endured many hardships during their first years in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, In 1901, Johann Martin Nagel married Louisa Ebinger and to that union three sons were born: Paul, Alfred and Adam, and in 1907, the Nagel Family Farm was established north of Gettysburg, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Johann and Louisa's son, Adam, married Rose Brinks and they owned and managed the farm until 1956 when their seven orphaned children, 10 through 20 years of age, out of necessity and sheer determination, took over the operation; and,

*Whereas*, Without their parents, brothers Herman and Arnie oversaw the farming operation while their five siblings all attended and graduated from South Dakota colleges, and Irma was featured on the cover of the first *Bison Woman* magazine and was the "first lady" to ride horseback in the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup; and,

*Whereas*, The Nagel Family Farm is currently managed by four Nagel brothers, Herman, Eugene, Larry and James and sister, Irma LeFaive, brothers, Arnie and Leonard passed away in 1982 and 1997, respectively; and,

*Whereas*, The Nagel Farm has always been diversified, raising cattle, hogs and sheep, as well as a variety of small grains, and has moved from the use of steam engines and threshing machines to caterpillar tractors and air seeders, all the while promoting the practice of no-till farming and conservation of land and wildlife; and,

*Whereas*, In addition to farming, five of the Nagel brothers served in the armed forces, and Eugene has served his community as an EMT for 25 years; and,

*Whereas*, The Nagel family will celebrate 100 years of farming and will be recognized as a Century Farm on June 9, 2007, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize this milestone event:

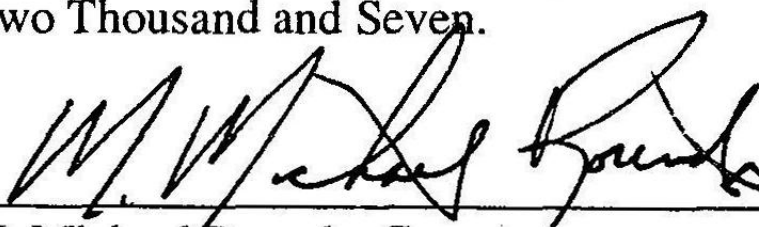
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 9, 2007, as

## *NAGEL FAMILY FARM DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State